

REMARKS

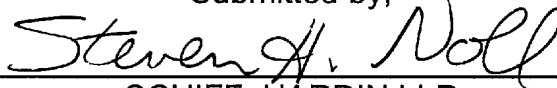
In the Office Action dated August 29, 2007, claims 5-9 and 17-24 were allowed, and claims 1-5 and 10-16 were rejected. By the present response, claims 1-5 and 10-16 have been cancelled. Issuance of the application based on claims 5-9 and 17-24 is therefore respectfully requested.

The present Amendment does not raise any new issues requiring further searching or consideration, and is therefore properly enterable under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

Early reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519.

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